

# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

SECRET - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

COUNTRY	Poland	REPORT	[REDACTED]	25X
SUBJECT	1. Miscellaneous Maritime Information 2. Degaussing Equipment	DATE DISTR.	3 December 1954	
DATE OF INFO.	[REDACTED]	NO. OF PAGES	2	25X
PLACE ACQUIRED	[REDACTED]	REQUIREMENT NO.	RD	
		REFERENCES		

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.  
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.  
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

FOR CRITICAL ANALYSIS PURPOSES 25X1  
THIS REPORT IS NOT TO BE FOR  
TRANSMITTED WITHIN THE UNITED  
STATES, OR BEYOND THE BORDERS  
OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHOUT THE  
EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE RELEASE

1. As far as is known the Polish Navy has at its disposal only a small part of the dockyard at Gdynia. However, only routine inspection and very minor repairs can be effected there. For regular inspection and refit the ships of the Polish Navy go to the Soviet naval shipyard at Leningrad. All units of the Polish Navy have been refitted at Leningrad since the end of the war, and the armament has been changed to Soviet-type guns, etc.
2. Only merchant ships are being completed in Poland; new construction for the Polish Navy will be built in Soviet naval yards.
3. No evidence of special structure for war purposes has been observed on Polish merchant shipping.

## Degaussing

4. Only ships of the Polish Merchant Marine which during the war [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] were fitted with degaussing equipment still carry it. However, 25X1  
even this equipment is out of gear due to repairs and alterations made on the ships. No new Polish ships built after the war carry degaussing equipment. About the beginning of 1953 the Polish shipping authorities in Gdynia got very interested in degaussing apparatus and asked [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] to supply them with all available textbooks and literature on the subject. 25X1  
However, no such books on the subject could be obtained [REDACTED] except two short articles which appeared in a navy periodical. The Polish authorities in Gdynia were informed accordingly, and these two articles were sent to them. Even so the Poles were pleased to obtain these two articles on very general lines and also made the request that if something should become available in the future they would like to have it. On another occasion the branch [REDACTED] was 25X1  
asked to make arrangements for the degaussing equipment already installed on some Polish ships to be checked and retuned [REDACTED] After enquiries 25X1  
had been made [REDACTED] it was found that all degaussing arrangements 25X1

SECRET - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC									
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

(NOTE: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#".)

SECRET - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

- 2 -

[redacted] could be made available, The Polish authorities were informed to that effect. From this enquiry it may appear that the Poles have no facilities for the checking of degaussing equipment.

25X

5. No Polish ship [redacted] was fitted with automatic course corrector gear. 25X
6. Polish ships do not seem to carry degaussing certificates; as it may appear from information above, the whole question of degaussing of ships is completely undeveloped as yet in Poland.
7. No information on the existence of a degaussing measuring range in Poland has ever been obtained. The Poles have no such range, because if they did, they would not have tried to obtain degaussing facilities [redacted] 25X  
It is a fact that the degaussing equipment installed on Polish ships during the war is completely out of action; only the cables installed remain in position.
8. No information has been obtained as to whether or not Polish warships are fitted with radar of Soviet manufacture. No radar of Soviet manufacture has been seen on any Polish merchant ship. [redacted] 25X

25X



SECRET - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY